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: LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 39, 40, 42,

47, 48 and 50-55 as follows:

1. (Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

a substrate:

an EL element formed over the substrate; and

an absorption film formed over the EL element;

wherein the EL element is interposed between the substrate and the absorption film.

3. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the absorption film comprises an alkaline-earth metal.

thickness of 1 to 3 µm.

6. (Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

a first substrate;

an EL element formed over the first substrate;

an absorption film formed over the EL element; and

a sealing substrate connected to the first substrate through a sealant;